(c) whether Government, before taking this decision have considered the difficulties likely to be faced by the employees, particularly the ladies who would reach home very late and in an insecure atmosphere; and

(d) whether it is proposed to review the said decision and if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI BIREN SINGH ENGTI): (a) to (c) In the light of the 4th Pay Commission's recommendations, the Government have decided to increase the working hours of the office staff in Government of India from 37½ hours per week to 40 hours per week by increasing daily working hours by 30 minutes. During the Course of discussions with the representatives of the Government employees on the Pay Commission's recommendations, there was an exchange of views with them on this matter also. After considering their views as also of some lady representatives, the decision has been taken or it will be implemented shortly.

(d) There is no such proposal.

Progress of Rajiv-Longowal Accord

386. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state what is the progress of the implementation of Rajiv-Longowal Accord till date?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AD MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): Out of 11 items in the Memorandum of Settlement, 7 items (Compensation to innocent persons killed) (item: 1); Army recruitment (item: 2), Inquiry into November incidents (item: 3); Rehabilitation of those discharged from Army (item: 4); Disposal of pending cases (item: 6); Centre-State Relations (item: 8); and Representation of Minorities (item: 10); have already been implemented. Action has been initiated to implement the remaining 4 items (All India Gurdwara Act (item:5); Territorial Claims (item: 7); Sharing of river waters (item: 9); and Promotion of Punjabi language (item: 11); as well.

Territorial Claims (item: 7): On the basis of the Venkataramiah Commissions report submitted on 10-6-1986, the question of specifying the villages comprising about 70,000 acres to be transferred from Punjab to Haryana in lieu of Chandigarh, has, on 20-6-1986, been referred to Hon'ble Justice D. A. Desai, retired Judge, Supreme Court of India and Chairman of the Law Commission of India.

Sharing of river waters (item: 9): A 3-Member Tribunal comprising Shri Justice V. Balakrishna Eradi, Judge of the Supreme Court as Chairman and Shri Justice A. M. Ahmadi, Judge of the Gujarat High Court and Shri Justice P. C. Balakrishna Menon, Judge of the Kerala High Court as two members of Tribunal, was constituted on 2nd April, 1986.

Promotion of Punjabi Language (item: 11): With regard to promotion of Punjabi language, the Ministry of Human Resource Development have taken a number of steps and a plan of action in this regard has been chalked out by them.

All India Gurudwara Act (item: 5): The Chief Ministers of all States and Union Territories have been requested to convey their views in the matter.

Memorandum by MPs regarding granting of Statehood for Arunachal Pradesh

387. SHRI CHITTA BASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently received a Memorandum of Members of Parliament demanding Statehood for Arunachal Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the action of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI BUTA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter will be given due consideration at the appropriate time, keeping in view the totality of circumstances and other relevant factors.

Requirement of Inner Line Pass to enter Nagaland

388. SHRI SATYA PRAKASH MALAVIYA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an Indian citizen is required to obtain an Inner Line Pass for entering into the State of Nagaland;

(b) if so, since when this is in operation and who is the competent authority to issue the said pass; and

(c) what are the reasons for the aforesaid restriction and whether Government are contemplating to withdraw the restriction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Inner Line Pass is require to be obtained under the Bengal Eastern Frontier Regulation, 1873 (Regulation No. 5 of 1873) which came into force on 1st November, 1873. The competent authority to issue such passes is the Chief Executive Officer/Deputy Commissioner of the district concerned or such other officer as may be authorised to grant such passes.

(c) The provisions of the Regulations are meant for the protection of the interests of Scheduled Tribes in the State. No proposal to withdraw the restriction is under consideration.

Import and manufacture of Zirconium Oxide

389. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether government are importing zirconium oxide products for nuclear plants and nuclear research;

(b) if so, what is the value of such products imported during the last three years; and

(c) whether Government propose to manufacture zircon products in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Zirconium Oxide plant of the Department of Atomic Energy produces nuclear grade zirconium oxide which is further processed as zirconium sponge and zirealoy products.

Shooting and apprehending of Pak intruders

390. SHRI M. KADHARSHA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of intruders from Pak who have ben shot dead or apprehended by the Indian para military forces during the last six months; and

(b) what is the number of terrorists nabbed by the police and how many of them were trained in Pakistan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.